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SUBJECT: FRENCH STATEMENT ON JUNE 10-11 MEETING OF EC
FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. FOLLOWING THE JUNE 12 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS, NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANDRE ROSSI
SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MADE THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE LATEST EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING IN BONN TO THE COUNCIL:

2. "THIS MEETING WAS SATISFACTORY TO THE EXTENT THAT
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EVERYBODY AGREED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE CONSULTATION,

NEITHER PRELIMINARY, NOR PERMANENT, NOR INSTITUTIONALIZED, WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE OCCASION OF THIS EURO-ARAB ENCOUNTER. THIS CORRESPONDS TO THE POSITION THAT FRANCE HAS TAKEN FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, NO ONE IS EXCLUDED, FOR IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FRIENDS AND OUR PARTNERS INFORMED AND THAT MOREOVER, EACH TIME THAT A PROBLEM MAY ARISE, IT WILL SUFFICE FOR ONE OF THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO WISH CONSULTATIONS ON THE POLITICAL PLANE AND TO SOLICIT THE AGREEMENT OF ITS PARTNERS.

3. THIS CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL COMPREHENSION AND THE PROBLEMS WERE FINALLY VERY HAPPILY SETTLED. IT WAS THE OCCASION FOR A CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY ACTION AND THE PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL COOPERATION TO THE DEGREE THAT -- IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE (EURO-ARAB CONFERENCE) -- THE "INSTANCES" OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED.

4. "THUS THE DIALOGUE CAN BEGIN IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DESIRES OF FRENCH DIPLOMACY AND ALSO IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WHO EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT FRANCE, IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, BE A COUNTRY OF INITIATIVE, OF FIRMNESS -- TRANSLATING THE CONSISTENCY OF ITS AIMS -- AND OF COURTESY, CONFORMING TO THE NORMS OF THE DIPLOMATIC TRADITION".
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